दिशा-निर्देशों के अनुसार निधियों का उपयोग सुनिश्चित करने के लिए राज्य, जिला और खण्ड स्तरों पर सतर्कता और निगरानी समितियां गठित करने के लिए भी मंत्रालय ने अनुदेश जारी किए हैं।

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान राजस्थान में लगभग 2.24 लाख व्यक्तियों को लाभ पहुंचाने के लिए समन्वित ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत 10689.13 लाख रुपये की राशि अनुदान के रूप में और 35826.83 लाख रुपये की राशि ऋण के रूप में प्रदान की गई है।

Shortage of cold storage facilities

1679. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where there are acute shortage of cold storage facilities; and

(b) the steps Government have taken to improve the situation so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal are the main States where there is shortage of cold storage facilities.

(b) A High Level Expert Committee had been set up in the Ministry of Agriculture to suggest and recommend steps to be taken to augment the cold storage capacity. The Committee has submitted its report in February, 1999. The Committee has recommended to increase the cold storage capacity to 123 lakh tons from the existing 103 lakh tons. The Committee has also recommended that Government of India may assist creation of storage facilities for stocking potato, onion and other commodities. For this, incentives like interest subsidy and capital investment subsidy are to be provided. It has been decided to provide such incentives through the National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC), the National Horticulture Board (NHB), the National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Banks and financial Institutions.

Construction of houses under IAY in Gujarat

1680. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state the details of places in Gujarat, particularly in the backward areas district-wise and region-wise where free of cost residential houses have been constructed for the poorest people under Indira Awas Yojana during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): According to information received from Government of Gujarat Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) is being implemented in all the 19 districts of Gujarat including 8 backward districts/areas namely Dangs, Panchamahals, Banaskantha, Bharuch, Vadodara, Valsad, Sabarkantha and Surat. The district-wise and region wise number of houses constructed including backward districts under IAY in Gujarat during last two years is given in the enclosed statements below.

Statement

Free of cost Houses constructed under IAY

Sl. No.	Name of District	During 1996-97	During 1997-98
1.	Ahmedabad	682	407
2.	Amreli	574	444
3.	Banaskantha	1544	954
4.	Bharuch	3914	2629
5.	Bhavnagar	668	347
6.	Dangs	400	423
7.	Gandhinagar	65	40
8.	Jamnagar	350	216
9.	Junagarh	731	702
10.	Kheda	504	510
11.	Kutch	852	487
12.	Mehsana	677	567
13.	Panchmahal	6546	4065
14.	Rajkot	486	322
15.	Sabarkantha	1249	1327
16.	Surat	3523	4358
17.	Surendranagar	467	528
18.	Vadodara	2322	3064
19.	Valsad	4927	3049
	TOTAL	30481	24439